

Application No. 09/889,178

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 14, 15 and 18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, page 4, lines 21-26.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Audet during the February 23, 2006, and March 1, 2006, telephone interviews are appreciated. At the interview, the rejection over Limal was discussed. Claim 1 is amended herein in order to clearly distinguish this claim over Limal.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11, 14, 15 and 18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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